

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Delegation Executive Finance Committee
Date/Time: June 17, 2010 / 8:30 am
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
Commissioners Conference Room

Finance Committee Members Present: Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Rep. John Cloutier, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin, Rep. Philip Osgood, Rep. James McClammer

EFC Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials and Other County Employees Present: County Administrator, Greg Chanis

The chair, Rep. Gottling called meeting to order at 8:38 am.

Without objection, EFC agreed to postpone approval of the Draft June 15 meeting minutes until the acting clerk had a chance to make spelling and grammatical corrections.

EFC then started to review the proposed county grants in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

Specifically, EFC agreed to start its review with the proposed Community Transportation grant of \$45,000 and began asking questions of Ms. Brill. Questions included her agency's service to Sunapee, service to Windy Acres Mobile Home Park in North Charleston. Also questions about her agency's assets, including vehicle fleet. Additionally, Ms. Brill explained her agency's "Dial a Ride" program.

EFC then asked questions about Community Transportation's budget, organization of staff, and supplemental information which Ms. Brill provided (See attached sheet of 6-17-10). Next Ms. Brill reviewed financial information she provided from her umbrella agency, Community Alliance of Human Services Inc. including the Statements of Cash Flows (See Attached Sheet).

More questions were asked about a vehicle not on distributed asset sheet as well as claims that Community Transportation was unfairly competing with private companies, which Ms. Brill denied.

Ms. Brill further explained that her agency must follow the guidelines implemented by the NH Department of Transportation including how it can charge for fares.

The chair requested that Ms. Brill provide additional audit information as well as recent minutes of Community Transportation Board meetings.

Ms. Brill then left meeting around 10 am.

Next, EFC reviewed the Community Alliance's Family Services Division proposed grant of \$23,250. Consensus was reached that as of today was to approve the \$23,250 proposal as earlier approved by the commissioners.

Then the \$8,000 proposed grant for West Central Services was discussed EFC members noted the statistics that indicated that West Central provides mental health services for every Sullivan County Community. EFC also noted that the proposed West Central grant is a first-time request.

Mr. Chanis said West Central does provide services for both the Department of Correction and Sullivan County Health Care at contracted amounts that are already included in both department's budget's for Fiscal Year 2011.

Next, the proposed \$60,000 grant for Turning Points (formerly know as Women's Supportive Services) was discussed. Consensus was reached that as of today to keep the grant the same level (\$55,000) as it was in the FY 2010 Budget.

Then the porposed\$20,000 grant for the Claremont Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry was discussed. Questions were asked about the days the Soup Kitchen was open, and why similar operations such as God's Kitchen in Claremont, the food pantries in Charlestown, Newport and Sunapee were not receiving grants. Consensus was reached that as of today to keep the Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry grant at the same level (\$17,500 as it was in the FY 2010 Budget.

Next the proposed \$25, 000 Good Beginnings grant was discussed. Consensus was reached that as of today that Good Beginnings grant be kept at the same level (\$25,000) as it was in the FY 2010 Budget.

Then the proposed \$1,000 grant for RSVP and the Volunteer Center was discussed. Consensus was reached that as of today that the grant be kept at the same level (\$1,000) as it was in the FY 2010 Budget.

Rep. McClammer left meeting at 11:34 am, and retuned at 11:39 am.

EFC then began a general discussion what its final goal for the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget will be.

Rep. Rodeschin left meeting at 11:43 am, and returned at 11:50 am.

EFC agreed to meet again on Tuesday June 22, at 8:30 am.

A discussion about the salaries and benefits of unionized employees vs. non-union employees, ensued.

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adjourn at 12:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Rep. John Cloutier, EFC acting clerk
Sullivan County Delegation

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